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# JAPAN MEDIA HIGHLIGHTS

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## HEADLINES

### Noon news

NHK and Fuji TV gave top play to reports on the funeral for late Prince Mikasa, who passed away at the age of 100 on Oct. 27. Other networks led with reports that South Korean President Park released a statement today regarding the arrest of a close acquaintance of hers on Thursday, apologizing to the public once again and saying that she is willing to be questioned by prosecutors.



## INTERNATIONAL

### Ceremony held to commemorate "225th" anniversary of U.S.-Japan diplomatic relations

Several regional media outlets in the Kansai region, including Mainichi, Kansai TV, and Kii Minpo, reported on Wednesday on a ceremony held in Kushimoto, Wakayama Prefecture, on Nov. 1 to commemorate the 225th anniversary of a port call by Lady Washington, one of the two merchant vessels that arrived in Kushimoto in April 1791, 62 years prior to the arrival of the black ships of Commodore Perry. Mainichi wrote that this is believed to be the first contact between Japan and the

U.S. that has been confirmed in official documents. About 600 people participated in the event and pledged to further promote friendship between the two nations. Kansai TV reported that a video message from Ambassador Kennedy was shown at the ceremony.

- [\*\*Abe may visit U.S. in Feb. if Clinton wins presidential race\*\*](#) (Kyodo News)
- [\*\*80% of Japanese, South Koreans say their countries can trust the United States, Genron poll\*\*](#) (Mainichi)
- [\*\*Abe vows to implement comfort women pact “based on trust”\*\*](#) (Yomiuri)
- [\*\*Negotiations on nuclear weapons ban treaty to start\*\*](#) (Chugoku Shimbun)
- [\*\*Commentary: Responsibility of atomic-bombed nation at issue\*\*](#) (Chugoku Shimbun)
- [\*\*Hurdles high for resolving territorial issue despite Japan-Russia economic cooperation\*\*](#) (Mainichi)
- [\*\*Yachi to visit Russia from Nov. 8\*\*](#) (Yomiuri)
- [\*\*Gist of joint press statement by leaders of Japan and Myanmar\*\*](#) (Yomiuri)
- [\*\*Editorial: Could S. Korea’s political crisis affect Tokyo-Seoul comfort women deal?\*\*](#) (The Japan News)
- [\*\*Japan, China biz leaders agree to work for Silk Road Initiative\*\*](#) (Jiji Press)

## **SECURITY**

### [\*\*Japan, U.S. to produce document on preventing misconduct by U.S. military\*\*](#)

Thursday's Ryukyu Shimpo took up a meeting on Wednesday between Ambassador Kennedy and LDP Policy Research Council Chairperson Motegi, during which they reportedly agreed to reduce the base burden on Okinawa by returning part of the Northern Training Area this year. The LDP official, who plans to visit Okinawa on Nov. 8-9, told the press afterward that the two governments may produce a joint document as early as next week setting forth measures to prevent serious offenses by U.S. service members. But a U.S. military source cited in the article expressed a negative view about the suggested timeframe by saying that it seems too early.

### [\*\*Ex-U.S. diplomat reveals GOJ was reluctant to relocate Okinawa training\*\*](#)

Okinawa Times reported that former U.S. diplomat Aloysius O'Neill, the consul general at Naha from 1994 to 1997, disclosed in an oral history initiative carried out by the State Department that the Japanese government at the time was hesitant to heed then-Governor Ota's request that Okinawa-

based USMC live-fire training be moved to the mainland. He was quoted as saying: "The Marines were positive about relocating it to Camp Fuji [in Shizuoka Prefecture].... However, Tokyo was simply not enthusiastic. It did not want to invest the political capital until 1995. It only became possible as a result of the terrible incident that occurred in 1995." The daily explained that the training was transferred to five locations on the mainland in 1997.

- [\*\*GSDF deployment on Miyakojima in doubt due to change in mayor's position\*\*](#) (Sentaku)
- [\*\*Gunfire at U.S. naval base in Sasebo?\*\*](#) (Kanagawa Shimbun)
- [\*\*ASDF responded to Russian patrol planes approaching Kanto region\*\*](#) (Sankei)
- [\*\*Popular router infected and discontinued due to cyberattack targeting IoT\*\*](#) (Asahi)

## **ECONOMY**

### **USG projects negative impact of delayed TPP effectuation**

Asahi reported on an estimate presented by the Obama administration regarding a scenario in which the TPP accord is effectuated later than the proposed Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) initiative involving only Asian nations including Japan and China. The USG reportedly concluded that such a development would have adverse effects on 5 million Americans in part because U.S. agricultural exports to Asia would not be as robust as expected. The article speculated that the administration made this projection in order to urge Congress to approve the TPP legislation quickly.

- [\*\*Suga says Japan must take action on TPP so the world doesn't drift off course\*\*](#) (Sankei)
- [\*\*Cartoon: Farm Minister Yamamoto\*\*](#) (Sankei)
- [\*\*Opinion: Japan going against international trend in greenhouse gas emission reduction\*\*](#) (Asahi)
- [\*\*Cartoon: Paris Agreement\*\*](#) (Asahi)
- [\*\*Abenomics falters as BOJ stretches monetary policy to the limit\*\*](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
- [\*\*Editorial: Abe should halt 'Abenomics' push and resume realistic policy\*\*](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)

- [Editorial: Govt, BOJ must steadfastly pursue policies to end deflationary mindset](#) (The Japan News)

## **POLITICS**

- [Prime minister's schedule on Nov. 3](#) (Nikkei)
- [Prime minister's schedule on Nov. 2](#) (Nikkei)
- [Nikai cautious about early Diet dissolution](#) (Nikkei)
- [LH Constitution commission members point to candidate provisions in constitutional amendment](#) (Yomiuri)
- [Editorial: Aim to amend Constitution so top law can respond to new era / Focus on specific discussions about revisions](#) (The Japan News)
- [Editorial: Parties need common view of what Constitution is before revisions debate](#) (The Mainichi)
- [Cartoon: Anniversary of the Constitution](#) (Akahata)
- [4,055 selected for autumn decoration](#) (Nikkei)
- [Japanese conservatives seeking to convert Nov. 3 to Meiji Day](#) (Jiji Press)

## **EDUCATION**

- [Raising university rankings](#) (The Japan Times)

## **SOCIETY**

- [Court finalizes discrimination ruling against Zaitokukai](#) (The Asahi Shimbun)
- [Rights group seeks LGBT-inclusive curriculum](#) (Kyodo News)

## **OPINION POLLS**

- [Highlights of the October 2016 Jiji Press Public Opinion Poll](#) (Jiji Press Public Opinion Poll Bulletin)

## **TRENDING@JAPAN**

- [The one percent gripes, the ninety-nine percent becomes hypersensitive](#) (NHK)
  - [Going viral is the key to scoring a megahit in Japan](#) (Tokyo Shimbun)
  - [Japanese are gaga about the Nobel, but some scientists tut-tut at their obsession with the prize](#) (Mainichi)
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